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DONOVAN, CASTRO TO MEET TODAY

Prisoners To Be Freed In Few Days, Report Says

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Havana, Oct. 8 (AP)—Cuban prisoner negotiator James B. Donovan and Prime Minister Fidel Castro are set to meet tomorrow for final talks on the release of 1,113 captives taken in the abortive Cuban invasion, responsible sources said tonight.

The informants predicted the long-awaited announcement of their release would be made soon after the meeting and that all the prisoners would be flown to Miami in a few days.

Castro On Mission

It had been reported earlier that Donovan and Castro were to have met today and that only the wording of the communique stood in the way of the prisoners' freedom.

However, Castro was out of Havana today on an undisclosed mission and Donovan did not return until the afternoon from a mystery-shrouded trip to Miami. The New York lawyer flew to Miami yesterday aboard a Pan American executive plane. He returned on the regularly scheduled flight.

Responsible sources said Donovan had arranged with Pan Am for air transportation to take all the prisoners from Havana to Miami before the weekend.

Relatives and friends of the prisoners in Havana were certain agreement on the prisoners' release had already been reached. They have been showering Donovan with gifts and praise.

For some, however, joy and relief were tempered by the looming separation of loved ones, who, although captive, were close and sometimes seen.

"After waiting so long," said one captive's mother, "I will probably not be able to see my son before he leaves, and then who knows how long it will be until we see each other again."

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